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| APPLICANT: | Allen Carl. et al. | EXAMINER: | David C. Comstock |
| U.S.S.N.: | 10/601,014 | GROUP: | 3733 |
| FILED: | June 20, 2003 | Conf. No. | 7152 |
| FOR: | SYSTEMS, METHODS, DEVICES AND DEVICE KITS FOR FIXATION OF BONES AND SPINAL VERTEBRAE (AS-AMENDED) | | |

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**EXAMINING GROUP 3733
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 7, 2008, in the above referenced application.

A petition has also been filed herewith requesting a one (1) month extension of time to June 7, 2008, to respond to the above referenced Office Action. Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required. As indicated below, please charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for the required fee.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.